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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed for tourism exchange/renewed interest in Buddhist tourism, particularly from South Asia ;

(b) whether Japan or China have also shown interest in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of tourist arrivals in India from different countries during each of the last three years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b) & (c): Bilateral cooperation Agreements have been entered with several countries including China to promote India's tourism products including Buddhist tourism.

(d): Foreign exchange earnings for the last 3 years is as follows :-

(Rs. in crores)

2003	2004	2005
Rs. 16429.00	Rs.21603.00	Rs.25172.25

The list of tourists arrivals from different countries during the last 3 years is annexed.